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[NOTES IN THE ARMY DEPARTMENT.]

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No. 7142-44 (A.G.), DATED 5TH (RECEIVED 8TH) OCTOBER 1916.

It would appear that Egypt would be the best channel through which to remit this money. The Foreign and Political Department should see, however, and, if they agree, be asked kindly to address the authorities in Egypt on the subject.

10-10-16. H. W. CODRINGTON.

12-10-16. G. MARSHALL.

Foreign and Political Department.

Please see above. A draft telegram so to the High Commissioner, Egypt, is submitted for approval.

C. O'H. T.,—16-10-16.

It seems unnecessary to make to bites at a cherry. If Army Department will kindly ascertain what amount Mr. Hassan wishes remitted, we will ask Egypt if possible to remit that amount at once. It might perhaps be advisable to ask Mr. Hassan to deposit the money with the Commandant meanwhile.

17-10-16. DENYS BRAY.

Army Department.

The General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, may be addressed as in the action submitted.

20-10-16. H. W. CODRINGTON.

TELEGRAM TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No. 39884-1 (A.G. 7-G.), DATED 20TH OCTOBER 1916.

Accordingly.

FROM GENERAL DIVISION MHOW, No. 7142-49, DATED 27TH (RECEIVED 28TH) OCTOBER 1916.

Reports with reference to Adjutant-General's No. 39884-1 (A.G. 7-G.), dated 20th October 1916, that Hassan Afnan has deposited Rs. 6,100. The Rs. 100 being for expenses. He prays that his present occupation be not made known to the American Agents (Consul ?).

The file may now be returned to the Foreign and Political Department with reference to that Department's note dated the 17th October 1916.

28-10-16. H. W. CODRINGTON.

30-10-16. G. MARSHALL.

Foreign and Political Department.

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Please see notes above. A revised draft is submitted for approval. The point of expense need perhaps in the circumstances of the case be left out as the money is a charitable remittance. High Commissioner will do what he can.

C. O'H. T.,—31-10-16.

Issue as altered.

31-10-16. DENYS BRAY.

Pro. No. 477. TELEGRAM TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, CAIRO, No. 823-S., DATED THE 1ST NOVEMBER 1916.

Asks whether he could arrange remittance to Heifa through American Consul on behalf of one Hassan.

Pro. No. 478. TELEGRAM FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, CAIRO, DATED THE 8TH (RECEIVED 9TH) NOVEMBER 1916.

With reference to the foregoing telegram states that the practice is to allow only small sums to be sent through the American representatives in Turkey and makes certain remarks in that connection.

Army Department may see the file unofficially and be asked kindly to indicate the nature of the reply they wish returned to the High Commissioner's telegram under consideration.

C. O'H. T.,—9-11-16.

10-11-16. DENIS BRAY.

Army Department.

The General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, may be asked to enquire of Hassan as to whether he is now desirous of remitting the Rs. 6,100 in one sum or whether he would prefer to send in in small amounts.

Draft submitted for approval.

16-11-16. H. W. CODRINGTON.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No. 32884-2 (A.G., 7-G.), DATED THE 17TH NOVEMBER 1916.

Accordingly.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No 7142-51 (A.G.) DATED 4TH (RECEIVED 8TH) DECEMBER 1916.

Reports that Mr. Hassan agrees to remitting the amount referred to in Adjutant-General's No. 39884-2 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 4th December 1916, in sums of £50 per mensem until the £400 is exhausted.

Mr. Hassan also requests to be permitted to remit further remittances after the above amount have been exhausted.

The Foreign and Political Department may be informed with reference to their note dated the 10th November 1916, and a reply should be sent to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, to the effect that £50 should be remitted monthly to Abdul Beha Abbas Effendi at Heifa until the sum of £400 has been exhausted.

The British High Commissioner, Egypt, may be asked to state whether there will be any objection to further remittances being made after the above amount has been remitted.

14-12-16. H. W. CODRINGTON.

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The file may be sent to the Foreign and Political Department with reference to the remarks in the preceding note which gives the information asked for by that Department.

S. S G.,—14-12-16.

15-12-16. G. MARSHALL.

Foreign and Political Department.

Please read preceding notes.

We may now inform the British High Commissioner, Egypt, accordingly. Draft telegram submitted.

C. O'H. T.,—16-12-16.

17-12-16. DENYS BRAY.

17-12-16. A. H. GRANT.

TELEGRAM TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, CAIRO, No. 1035-S., DATED THE 17TH DECEMBER 1916. Pro. No. 479.

Asks whether he could arrange remittance of £400 by monthly instalments of £50 to Abdul Baha Abbas Effendi, Heifa.

TELEGRAM FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, CAIRO, DATED THE 24TH (RECEIVED 25TH) DECEMBER 1916. Pro. No. 480.

States what the responsible authorities will not sanction remittances of more than 9 pounds a month to individual families.

There is no help for it but to trouble Army Department again to ascertain whether the proposed remittance will suit, or whether the remitter can give ample reason for an increase that the money is intended for more than one (individual) family, the number to be named would be a reasonable ground for asking for a larger remittance in this case. Otherwise to avoid any change in the ordinary routine and institute a precedent the remitter must put up with what is the rule.

C. O'H. T.,—25-12-16.

Perhaps the remitter can name 5 or 6 heads of families to whom £9 each should be paid.

25-12-16. DENYS BRAY.

The General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, may be addressed as in the draft submitted.

29-12-17. H. W. CODRINGTON.

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No. 39884-3(A.G. 7-G.), DATED THE 30TH DECEMBER 1917.

Accordingly.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No. 7142-55 (A.G.), DATED THE 24TH (RECEIVED 26TH) JANUARY 1917.

Gives names of Mr. Hassan's family to whom he wishes remittances to be sent.

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The file may now be sent to the Foreign and Political Department with reference to that Department's note dated the 25th December 1916.

31-12-16. H. W. CODRINGTON.

3-2-17. G. MARSHALL.

Foreign and Political Department.

High Commissioner, Egypt, can now be asked to arrange the required remittances to the six heads of families if he sees no further objection.

Should the situation have changed in view of the late severance of relations between Germany, Austria-Hungary and the United States of America the High Commissioner is sure to indicate that remittances are not possible.

Draft submitted.

C. O'H. T.,—6-2-17.

7-2-17. A. H. GRANT.

Pro. No. 481. TELEGRAM TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, No 185-S., DATED THE 7TH FEBRUARY 1917.

Asking him to arrange the required remittances and enquires whether the same can be continued monthly.

Pro. No. 482. TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE 11TH (RECEIVED 12TH) FEBRUARY 1917.

States that United States Authorities have ceased to administer relief in the present situation and promises to deal with remittance in question if remittances are resumed.

Army Department may now see unofficially and be asked to supply us with a complete copy of the papers.

C. O'H. T.,—12-2-17.

12-2-17. DENYS BRAY.

Army Department.

Reference noting above. The General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, may be addressed as in the draft submitted.

D. D.,—15-2-17.

16-2-17. H. W. CODRINGTON.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No. 39984-4 (A. G. 7-G.), DATED THE 20TH FEBRUARY 1917.

Accordingly.

Secretary may be asked to send a copy of the correspondence to the Foreign and Political Department and to return that Department original papers.

A copy of the notes is placed below which may also be sent to Foreign and Political Department.

D. D.,—23-2-17.

24 2-17. H. W. CODRINGTON.

A draft memorandum is submitted for approval. After issue the Foreign and Political Department may be asked kindly to send us officially a copy of their correspondence with the British High Commissioner, Egypt, to complete our records.

E. A. D.,—28-2-17.

1-3-17. G. W. MARSHALL.

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[NOTES IN THE FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.]

ENDORSEMENT FROM THE ARMY DEPARTMENT, No. 3048, DATED THE 1ST (RECEIVED 9TH) MARCH 1917. Pro. No. 483.

Forwards a copy of correspondence regarding Mr. Hassan's desire to remit money to his relations at Heifa in Turkey.

For information. With reference to Mr. Marshall's note dated the 1st March, an endorsement to the Army Department, forwarding a copy of our papers on the subject, is submitted.

A copy of the papers on the file may be sent to the India Office. Memorandum submitted.

C. O'H. T.,—15-3-17.

15-3-17. DENYS BRAY.

ENDORSEMENT TO THE ARMY DEPARTMENT, No. 249-W., DATED THE 16TH MARCH 1917. Pro. No. 484.

Forwards for information a copy of the papers cited.

MEMORANDUM OF PAPERS FORWARDED TO THE POLITICAL SECRETARY, INDIA OFFICE, LONDON WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S LETTER No. 22-M., DATED THE 16TH MARCH 1917. Pro. No. 485.

TELEGRAM TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, No. 608-S., DATED THE 15TH MAY 1917. Pro. No. 486.

Intimates that Hassan Afnan now wishes no remittances to be made to his relatives in Syria.

ENDORSEMENT TO THE ARMY DEPARTMENT, No. 430-W., DATED THE 16TH MAY 1917. Pro. No. 487.

Forwards for information a copy of the foregoing telegram.

[NOTES IN THE ARMY DEPARTMENT.]

FROM THE COMMANDANT, PRISONERS OF WAR CAMP, SUMERPUR, No. 7142-67 (A.G.), DATED THE 2ND (RECEIVED 6TH) MAY 1917.

Mr. Hassan Afnan, Personal Assistant to the Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur.

Further correspondence regarding remittances from——to his relatives in Syria.

The previous correspondence is contained in Pro. B., War 1916-17, Nos. 51635-50.

2. The Foreign and Political Department should see and be asked, if considered necessary, to communicate the purport of the communication to the British High Commissioner in Egypt with reference to the latter's telegram* dated the 11th February 1917.

* Pro. B., War 1916-17, Nos. 51635-50.

D. D.,—7-5-17.

8-5-17. H. W. CODRINGTON.

10-5-17. G. MARSHALL.

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A draft telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, is submitted.

14-5-17. DENYS BRAY.
14-5-17. A. H. GRANT.

TELEGRAM TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, CAIRO, No. 608-S., DATED THE 15TH MAY 1917.

States that Hassan Afnan does not now wish any remittances to be made.

Pro. No 488. ENDORSEMENT FROM THE ARMY DEPARTMENT, No. 7782, DATED THE 28TH (RECEIVED 29TH) MAY 1917.

Forwards a copy of a letter from the General Officer Commanding, Mhow Division, regarding the wish of Hassan Afnan that no remittances should be made to his relatives in Syria.

Pro. No. 489. MEMORANDUM OF PAPERS FORWARDED TO THE POLITICAL SECRETARY, INDIA OFFICE, LONDON, WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S WEEKLY LETTER No. 48-M., DATED THE 22ND JUNE 1917.

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Telegram P., No. 823-S., dated the 1st November 1916. Pro. No. 477.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, Simla,

To—The British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo.

Rs. 6,100 has been despatched (deposited ?) by Hassan, Personal Assistant to Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, Bahai Persian of Heifa, for remittance to his uncle, Abdul Baha Abbas Effendi, well-known resident of Heifa. If no objection could you arrange remittance through American Consul. Object of remittance is to afford relief to Hassan's family, etc., reported to be in pitiable condition.

Hassan is anxious that his present occupation should not be communicated to American Consul. Last year he remitted £120 through Major Newcome Intelligence Department from Cairo.

Telegram P, dated the 8th (received the 9th) November 1916. Pro. No. 478.

From—The British High Commissioner Egypt, Cairo,

To—His Excellency the Viceroy, (Foreign and Political Department), Simla.

* Pro. No. 477. Your telegram * of November 1st.

As there is danger of large sums being seized by Turks it is our practice only to allow small sums—just sufficient to maintain recipient—to be sent through American representatives in Turkey.

In present case if money for this purpose is sent to me I can follow this course. If however you particularly wish that an exception should be made, please let me know in sending a larger sum circumstances which would justify the exception.

Telegram P., No. 1035-S., dated the 17th December 1916. Pro. No. 479.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, Delhi,

To—The British High Commissioner Egypt, Cairo.

If you see no objection please arrange to remit £400 by monthly instalments of £50 to Abdul Baha Abbas Effendi Heifa. Will there by any objection to continuing remittances thereafter. Relief to Bahai Persian colony as well as remitter's family is object in view.

† Pro. No. 478. This is with reference to your telegram* dated November 8th.

Telegram R., dated 24th (received 25th) December 1916. Pro. No. 480.

From—The British High Commissioner in Egypt,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department.

‡ Pro. No. 479. Your telegram‡ No. 1035 S., Responsible authorities will not sanction remittances of more than £ 9 a month to individual families.

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If you desire an exception to be made in this case on political grounds they request a full statement of reasons.

Please inform me of your wishes.

Pro. No. 481.

Telegram R., No. 185-S., dated the 7th February 1917.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, Delhi,

To—The British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo.

Your telegram* of 24th December 1916. If no further objection please arrange following monthly remittances to following heads of families resident in Heifa. Mount Carmel :—

* Pro. No. 480.

Abbas Effendi.
Mirza Mohsen Shirazi.
Mirza Hadi Shirazi.
Mirza Jalal Irani.
Mirza Shawki Rabbani.

Nine pounds each.

Seyed Ali Afnan five pounds.

Kindly telegraph action taken and whether above remittances can be continued monthly.

Pro. No. 482.

Telegram R., dated the 11th (received the 12th) February 1917.

From—The British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo,

To—His Excellency the Viceroy, (Foreign and Political Department), Delhi.

Your telegram† No. 185-S. American authorities who administer relief in Syria have ceased to do so in view of present situation. Should remittances be resumed I will deal with present case.

† Pro. No. 481.

Pro. No. 483.

No. 3048, dated Delhi, the 1st March 1917.

Endorsed by the Government of India in the Army Department.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Foreign and Political Department.

List of papers forwarded.

Memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-44-(A.G.), dated the 5th October 1916, to the Adjutant-General in India, and enclosure.

Telegram from the Adjutant-General in India, No. 398841-1 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 20th October 1916, to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division.

Telegram from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-49, dated the 27th October 1916, to the Adjutant-General in India.

Letter from the Adjutant-General in India, No. 39884-2 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 17th November 1916, to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division.

Memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-51 (A.G.), dated the 4th December 1916, to the Adjutant-General in India, and enclosure.

Letter from the Adjutant-General in India, No. 39884-3 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 30th December 1916, to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division.

Memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Divisoin, No. 7142-55 (A.G.), dated the 24th January 1917, to the Adjutant-General in India, and enclosure.

Letter from the Adjutant-General in India, No. 39884-4 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 20th February 1917, to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division.

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Copy of a letter from the Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. B.S.-64, dated Sumerpur, the 29th September 1916.

Enclo. 1 to Pro. No. 483.

I have the honour to address you on behalf of my Personal Assistant, Mr. Hassan.

Mr. Hssan graduated at Cambridge, and was appointed Interpreter at the Sumerpur Prisoners of War Camp last February, and subsequently, Personal Assistant to the Commandant, and Censor.

Mr. Hassan belongs to a Persian family, which some 40 years ago, adopted the Bahai Religion. As a result of this, they were, along with the other followers of Bahaism, exiled from Persia and handed over as prisoners to Turkey. They were kept prisoners until the declaration of the constitution. Thereafter, they resided at Heifa, and at Akka, Mt. Carmel. Although given their freedom, they appear to have suffered a certain amount of oppression simply on account of their being Persians, and when Turkey joined in the War, all their money lying at the Bank, was sequestered by the Turkish Government. They are now dependent solely on their crops. This year their crops have been a total failure, and, since the Turkish authorities care nothing for their fate, they are faced with the prospect of starvation. The whole party consists of some 150 persons, under the leadership of Mr. Hassan's Uncle, Abdul Baha Abbas Effendi, a man of wide reputation, and well known in Heifa. With the exception of Mr. Hassan and a brother, all the members of his family are in this plight in Heifa. Both his father and his mother are there. As can easily be imagined, Mr. Hassan has but one thought and that is to remit all the money he has to his uncle to be distributed by him for the benefit of his relatives and the other members of the party. In his distress, he appeals to Government to help him.

Last year Mr. Hassan was able to remit £120 to his relations in Heifa, through Major Newcome of the Intelligence Department from Cairo. Perhaps he could again remit a sum of money through the good offices of the American Consul-General.

I have the honour, therefore, to request, on behalf of Mr. Hassan that the General Officer Commanding Division will be kind enough to move in the matter so that Mr. Hassan can remit a sum of money to his Uncle, Abdul Baha Abbas Effendi, in Heifa. Mr. Hassan himself suggests that such money might be sent through the President of the American University at Beirut. He also prays that the greatest expedition may be used as he heard, only two days ago, by a letter which reached him through Switzerland, that the plight of the whole party is most pitiable, as they are on the point of starvation.

Copy of a memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, to the Adjutant-General in India, No. 7142-44-A.G., dated Mhow, the 5th October 1916.

Forwarded. I am personally unable to suggest by what means Mr. Afnan could remit the money, but I imagine that the case must be known to the authorities in Egypt, who might be asked to deal with the matter, possibly through the American Consul there.

Copy of a telegram from the Adjutant-General in India, to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39384-1 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 20th October 1916.

Enclo. 2 to Pro. No. 483.

Your 7142-44-A G., 5th. Please report amount Hassan wishes to remit to his uncle. The amount should be deposited with Commandant.

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Enclo. 3 to Pro. No. 483.

Copy of a telegram from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, to the Adjutant-General in India, No. 7142-49, dated Mhow, the 27th October 1916.

Your 39884-1 (A.G. 7-G.),* 20th instant. Hassan Afnan has deposited Rs. 6,100 the hundred being for expenses. Hassan prays his present occupation be not disclosed to American Agent.

* Enclosure No. 2.

Enclo. 4 to Pro. No. 483.

Copy of a letter from the Adjutant-General in India to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39884-2 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 17th November 1916.

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your telegram† No. 7142-49, dated the 27th October 1916, relative to Mr. Hassan, Personal Assistant to the Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, remitting the sum of Rs. 6,100 to his uncle in Heifa, and to state that the matter has been referred to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, who states that there is a danger of large sums being seized by Turks and the practice is only to allow small sums (just sufficient to maintain recipient) to be sent through the American representatives in Turkey. The British High Commissioner further states that if the money is sent to him he will follow the above course. If, however, it is particularly wished that an exception should be made the circumstances which would justify the same should be stated when the amount is being remitted.

† Enclosure No. 3.

2. In view of the above I am to request that you will kindly enquire of Mr. Hassan whether he is still desirous of the amount in question being remitted in full or whether he would prefer to have it sent in small sums. If the former special reasons should be given.

Enclo. 5 to Pro. No. 483.

Copy of a letter from the Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. B S.-179, dated Sumerpur, the 27th November 1916.

With reference to your memorandum‡ No. 7142-50 (A.G.) of 23rd instant, forwarding copy of letter from Adjutant-General, India, on the subject of a remittance by my Personal Assistant Mr. Hussein Afnan (Mr. Hassan) to his uncle at Heifa, I have the honour to say that Mr. Hassan agrees that it would be advisable to made the remittance in small sums. The money however is not intended solely for the support of his uncle, but for all his relatives and other Persians of his Sect in that neighbourhood. He suggest, therefore that £50 be remitted monthly until the £400 is exhausted. He prays that at the end of that period he may be permitted to send further remittances.

‡ Enclosure No. 1.

Copy of a memorandum No. 7142-51 (A.G.), dated Mhow, the 4th December 1916, from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, to the Adjutant-General in India.

Forwarded with reference to your No. 39884-2 (A.G. 7-G.), dated 17th November 1916.

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2. The Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, has intimated that the money deposited (Rs. 6,100) is still in his possession.

Copy of a letter from the Adjutant-General in India to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39884-3 (A.G. 7-G.), dated the 30th December 1916.

Enclo. 6 to Pro. No. 483.

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your No. 7142-51 (A.G.),* dated the 4th December 1916, and to state that the British High Commissioner in Egypt now reports that the responsible authorities will not sanction remittances of more than £9 a month to individual families. If you desire an exception to be made in Mr. Hassan's case on political grounds they request that a full statement of reasons be furnished.

* Enclosure No. 5.

2. In view of the above, I am to request that you will kindly inform me whether the above arrangement will suit Mr. Hassan. It is possible, however, that Mr. Hassan can name 5 or 6 heads of families to whom £9 each should be paid.

Copy of a letter from the Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. B.S.-258, dated Sumerpur, the 16th January 1917.

With reference to your memorandum† forwarding copy of letter No. 39884-3 (A.G. 7-G.), dated 30th December 1916, from Adjutant-General in India on the subject of remittance by my Personal Assistant, Mr. Hassan, to the members of his family and others. I have the honour to request that monthly remittances to the amounts named may be remitted to the following six heads of families:—

† Enclosure No. 6.

Name.	Address.	Amount.
Abbas Effendi ...	Heifa, Mount Carmel, (Syria)	£9 0 0
Mirza Mohsen Shirazi	Ditto ...	Do.
Mirza Hadi Shirazi ...	Ditto ...	Do.
Mirza Jalal Irani ...	Ditto	Do.
Mirza Shawki Rabbani	Ditto ...	Do.
Seyed Ali Afnan ...	Ditto ...	£5 0 0

The sum held in deposit by me is Rs. 6,100.

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Enclo. 7 to Pro. No. 483.

Copy of a memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, to the Adjutant-General in India, No. 7142-55 (A.G.), dated Mhow, the 24th January 1917.

Forwarded with reference your No. 39884-3 (A.G. 7-G.),* dated 30th December 1916.

* Enclosure No. 6.

Enclo. 8 to Pro. No. 483.

Copy of a letter from the Adjutant-General in India to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39884-4 (A.G. 7-G.), dated Delhi, the 20th February 1917.

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your No. 7142-55 (A.G.),† dated the 24th January 1917, and to state that information has been received from the British High Commissioner in Egypt to the effect that the American Authorities who administer relief in Syria have ceased to do so in view of the present situation. Mr. Hassan's case will however, be dealt with should it be decided to resume the relief work again.

† Enclosure No. 7.

Pro. No 484.

No. 249-W., dated Delhi, the 16th March 1917.

Endorsed by the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Army Department, for information.

(1) Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, No. 823-S., dated the 1st November 1916.

(2) Telegram from the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, dated the 8th November 1916.

(3) Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, No. 1035-S., dated the 17th December 1916.

(4) Telegram from the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, dated the 24th December 1916.

(5) Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, No. 185-S., dated the 7th February 1917.

(6) Telegram from the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, dated the 11th February 1917.

Pro. No. 485.

MEMORANDUM.

The papers specified in the margin were transmitted to the Secretary, Political Department, India Office, London, for the information of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, under cover of the Foreign Secretary's letter No. 22-M., dated the 16th March 1917.

Miscellaneous.

Desire of Mr. Hassan, Personal Assistant to the Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, to remit money to his relations at Heifa.

(1) Memorandum from the General Officer Commanding 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-44 (A. G.), dated the 5th October 1916, with enclosure.

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FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, DECEMBER 1917.

Remittances of money by Hassan Afnan, Personal Assistant to the Commandant, Prisoners of War Camp, Sumerpur, to his family in Heifa in Turkey and Syria.

(2) Telegram to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39884-1 (A. G. 7-G.), dated the 20th October 1916.

(3) Telegram from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-49, dated the 27th October 1916.

(4) Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, No. 823-S., dated the 1st November 1916.

(5) Telegram from the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, dated the 8th November 1916.

(6) Letter to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39884-2-(A. G. 7-G.), dated the 17th November 1916.

(7) Memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-51 (A. G.), dated the 4th December 1916, and enclosure.

(8) Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, No. 1035-S., dated the 17th December 1916.

(9) Telegram from the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, dated 24th December 1916.

(10) Letter to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39884-3 (A. G. 7-G.), dated the 30th December 1916.

(11) Memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-55 (A. G) dated the 24th January 1917, and enclosure.

(12) Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt Cairo, No. 185-S., dated the 7th February 1917.

(13) Telegram from the British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo, dated the 11th February 1917.

(14) Letter to the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 39884-4 (A. G. 7-G.), dated the 20th February 1917.

Telegram P., No. 608-S., dated the 15th May 1917. **Pro. No. 486.**

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, Simla,

To—The British High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo.

Hassan Afnan now wishes no remittances to be made.

* Pro. No. 482. This is with reference to your telegram* 11th February.

No. 430-W., dated Simla, the 16th May 1917. **Pro. No. 487.**

Endorsed by the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department.

Original papers returned. A copy of the undermentioned telegram is forwarded to the Army Department, for information.

Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, No. 608-S., dated the 15th May 1917.

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Pro. No. 488.

No. 7782, dated Simla, the 28th May 1917.

Endorsed by the Government of India in the Army Department.

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the Foreign and Political Department in continuation of Army Department memorandum* No. 3048, dated the 1st March 1917.

* Pro. No. 483.

Letter from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-67 (A. G.), dated the 2nd May 1917, to the Adjutant-General in India.

Enclo. to Pro. No. 488.

Copy of a memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, to the Adjutant-General in India, No. 7142-67 (A. G.), dated Mhow, the 2nd May 1917.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your No. 39884-4 (A.G. 7-G.),† dated the 20th February 1917, regarding the remittance of Mr. Hassan Afnan, Personal Assistant to the Commandant, Prisoners of War, Sumerpur, to his relatives in Syria, Mr. Afnan has now withdrawn the deposit of Rs. 6,100 which he placed with the Commandant, and wishes that, under the present circumstances, no further action may be taken in the matter.

† Enclo. 8 to Pro. No. 483.

Pro. No. 489.

MEMORANDUM.

The papers specified in the margin were transmitted to the Secretary, Political Department, India Office, London, for the information of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, under cover of the Foreign Secretary's letter No. 48-M., dated the 22nd June 1917.

Miscellaneous.

Remittances to Syria.

Memorandum from the General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division, No. 7142-67 (A. G.), dated the 2nd May 1917.

Telegram to the British High Commissioner, Egypt, No. 608-S., dated the 15th May 1917.

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